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In re the Application of: **Takeshi TANIMOTO et al.**

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For: **IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND DEVELOPING DEVICE**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

June 10, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated April 14, 2004, please amend the  
above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Arguments/Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.